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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA (LOS); MFA OFFICIAL INQUIRES WHETHER

US PLANS ANY CONSULTATIONS ON LOS PRIOR NEXT LOS MEETING

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1. MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND  
CONFERENCES (MEGALOKONOMOS) QUERIED POLITICAL COUNSELOR  
JAN 5 REGARDING ANY US PLANS FOR ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS  
PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF NEXT LOS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 15.  
SPECIFICALLY, HE ASKED WHETHER ANY USG EXPERT MIGHT BE  
PLANNING VISIT TO ATHENS. MFA OFFICIAL RECALLED THAT  
REAR ADMIRAL MAX MORRIS, JCS REPRESENTATIVE FOR LOS MATTERS,  
HAD VISITED ATHENS DEC 16, 1974, AND HAD USEFUL  
CONVERSATIONS WITH HELLENIC NAVY LOS EXPERTS (REFTEL).  
WE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER AND LET MEGALOKONOMOS KNOW.

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2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION JAN 7, EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY WORKING LEVEL LOS EXPERT IN MFA (SAVVAIDES) THAT JAN 5 QUERY WAS PROBABLY PROMPTED BY VICE ADMIRAL KONIALIS WHO IS NOW A SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO MFA FOLLOWING HIS RECENT RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE DUTY. KONIALIS WAS PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANT ON GREEK SIDE IN THE TALKS THAT ADMIRAL MORRIS HAD IN ATHENS. SAVVIDES STATED THAT MFA IS NOT REQUESTING A VISIT BY ADMIRAL MORRIS--OR ANY OTHER EXPERT--BUT WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME PRIOR CONSULTATIONS IF US LOS EXPERTS WOULD BE IN GENERAL AREA PRIOR TO MARCH 15. (SAVVAIDES RECALLED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT IN 1974 ADMIRAL MORRIS STOPPED OFF IN ATHENS FOLLOWING A TOUR OF THE FAR EAST WITH A SPECIAL USG TEAM ON LOS MATTERS.)

3. SAVAIDES STATED THAT, IN ANY CASE, APPROPRIATE GREEK PARTICIPANTS WOULD STILL TAKE PART IN ANY SPECIAL MEETING OF LOS EXPERTS IN NATO FORUM SHOULD ONE BE HELD AS HAS OCCURRED PREVIOUSLY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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